



MEDIA RELEASE

Illegal Campsites Cleaned Up

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On Saturday, February 4, 2012 SBPD Officer John Kattai assisted Santa Barbara City Senior Streets Maintenance Worker Eliseo Campos and his SWAP (Sheriff's Work Alternative Program) crew in cleaning up three illegal campsites. Two of the encampments were located on the city owned property directly adjacent to the Casa Esperanza Homeless Center parking lot on 100 S. Quarantina Street. The other was adjacent to the creek bed located at the northeast corner of the intersection of Calle Cesar Chavez and the railroad tracks. The Police Department has received complaints from both Casa Esperanza and businesses in the area over the last few weeks concerning illegal camping and related problems such as drinking, defecation, urination, and dumping of garbage. Prior to the clean-up effort the campsite inhabitants had been warned and advised to remove all personal items of value. All remaining refuse was disposed of properly.

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